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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, it is respectfully requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified patent application.

1. U.S. Patent No. 6,261,873, issued 7/2001 to Bouldin
2. U.S. Patent No. 5,960,254, issued 9/1999 to Cronin
3. U.S. Patent No. 5,663,590, issued 9/1997 to Kapoor
4. U.S. Patent No. 5,420,455, issued 5/1995 to Gilmour et al.
5. U.S. Patent No. 4,873,506, issued 10/1998 to Gurevich
6. IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 32, No. 3A, August 1989, FUSE STRUCTURE FOR WIDE FUSE MATERIALS CHOICE, pages 438-439.
7. IBM Technical Disclosure Bulletin, Vol. 32, No. 8A, January 1990, METHOD TO INCORPORATE THREE SETS OF PATTERN INFORMATION IN TWO PHOTOMASKING STEPS, pages 218-219.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d), copies of the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are not provided since they were previously made of record in parent application Serial No. 10,063,095 filed February 19, 2002. The references were cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed concurrently with the application on February 19, 2002 and on Form PTO-892 of the Office Action dated April 30, 2003.

Consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is respectfully requested, since the information provided herewith may be material to the examination of the present application

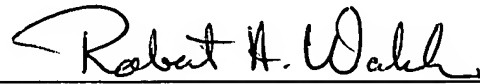
as defined under 37 C.F.R. §1.56. This statement is not intended to represent that a search has been performed or that no other art than that identified herein exists.

The instant Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrent with the filing of the present application. Therefore, this filing is made under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1). An Information Disclosure Statement filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) required neither certification nor fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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